**APPENDIX 1: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PRESS RELEASE** 



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Crater Lake National Park
Post Office Box 7
Crater Lake, Oregon 97604



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June 26, 2002

The National Park Service at Crater Lake National Park, is proposing to restore the road surface on 7.7 miles of Highway 62 from the West Boundary to Mazama intersection (milepost 65.5 to milepost 73.2) in Crater Lake National Park, Oregon. The project would involve digging out distressed areas, ditching to re-establish drainage, culvert replacement, recycling of existing surface, resurfacing, analyzing whether to flatten two switchback curves and 0.8 (8/10) mile of reconstruction on the same alignment. Construction is anticipated to begin early summer 2003.

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In fulfillment of requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service has initiated preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) that will evaluate the potential impacts of project alternatives on natural and cultural resources, and other relevant topics.

We welcome your input on the project and our intended efforts to avoid adverse effects on park resources. Copies of the environmental assessment will be available for agency and public review in the late summer / early autumn of 2002. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Justin at 541/594-3008.

Sincerely,

Charles V. Lundy Superintendent

cc:PWR-Regional Director

bbc:DSC-PM-Campbell, DSC-PDS-Stone, Sikoryak, DSC-PIFS

## Appendix 1

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2900 NW Stewart Parkway Roseburg, OR 97470

Oregon Fish and Wildlife 1850 Miller Island Road Klamath Falls, OR 97603 Oregon Department of Transportation 355 Capitol Street, NE Salem, OR 97301-3871

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Umpqua National Forest 2900 NW Stewart Parkway Roseburg, OR 97470

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CERTIFIED MAIL: Return Receipt Requested

Gerald Skelton, Director Culture and Heritage Department The Klamath Tribes P.O. Box 436 Chiloquin, Oregon 97624

Dear Mr. Skelton:

Reference: Crater Lake National Park Rehabilitate Highway 62 West

Federal Highway Administration Project OR PRA-

CRLA 11(4) Package: CRLA 007269

Subject: Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

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The National Park Service is committed to eliciting comments about the project and would like to initiate consultation with you as outlined in 36 CFR 800. We invite you to participate in the development of this planning effort for restoration of the west entrance road. Such consultation would ensure that the proposed project does not adversely affect sites that are included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

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As you know, the National Park Service is also working on a general management plan/environmental impact statement for Crater Lake National Park. Please be aware that the general management plan and the EA for the road restoration project are two separate and distinct projects, each with their own separate Section 106 compliance actions. This letter refers specifically to the road project on Highway 62.

We look forward to your participation in the planning process for this road restoration project and we believe that it will help ensure that cultural resources are adequately considered. Your participation on the project is important to us. Should you have any questions or should you wish to arrange a meeting at your convenience to discuss this project, please contact me at

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Sincerely,

Superintendent

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CERTIFIED MAIL: Return Receipt Requested

Ms. Sue Shaffer Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians 2371 N.E. Stephens, Suite 100 Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Dear Ms. Shaffer:

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IN REPLY REPERTO: D30 (CRLA)

CERTIFIED MAIL: Return Receipt Requested

Mr. James Hamrick State Historic Preservation Office Oregon Parks and Recreation Department 1115 Commercial Street, N.E. Salem, Oregon 97310-1001



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In fulfillment of requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service has initiated preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) that will evaluate the potential impacts of project alternatives on natural and cultural resources, and other relevant topics. The process and documentation required for preparation of the EA will be used to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In accordance with section 800.8(3)(c) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations (36 CFR 800), I am providing your office advance notification of the National Park Service intention to use the EA to meet its Section 106 obligations.

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Letters describing the project have also been sent to the American Indian tribes traditionally associated with Crater Lake National Park.

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IN REPLY REFER TO: H4217(CRLA)

September 9, 2002

Leland Gilsen, Archeologist State Historic Preservation Office 1115 Commercial Street NE Salem, OR 97301-1012

Dear Dr. Gilsen:

Enclosed is an assessment of effect form numbered 020022 as well as an archeological survey report for the proposed rehabilitation of 7.7 miles of road surface on west Highway 62 in Crater Lake National Park. The proposed project will largely remain within the current road prism, though there are two areas along it where realignment is part of the preferred alternative, so a survey report was necessary. We expanded the scope of the report to cover four other areas near the highway, given the proximity of proposed project activities to previously recorded sites or isolated finds.

Should you desire additional information about this project, please contact Park Historian Steve Mark at (541) 594-3094 or via e-mail at <a href="steve-mark@nps.gov">steve-mark@nps.gov</a>. A self-addressed, stamped reply envelope is also enclosed for your convenience in expediting concurrence on the recommended finding of "no effect" on historic properties in relation to the proposed project. You will also receive a copy of an environmental assessment for this project under separate cover. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles V. Lundy Superintendent

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IN REPLY REFER TO: H4217(CRLA)

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# **United States Department of the Interior**

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IN REPLY REFER TO: H4217(CRLA)

January 17, 2003

Nancy Niedernhofer, National Register Programs State Historic Preservation Office 1115 Commercial Street NE Salem, OR 97301-1012

Dear Ms. Niedernhofer:

The National Park Service proposes to undertake restoration of the road surface on 7.7 miles of Highway 62 from the west boundary to the Annie Spring junction (milepost 65.5 to milepost 73.2) at Crater Lake National Park. The project would largely involve resurfacing, but also includes the possible flattening of two switchback curves where minor realignment may be necessary.

#### **Determination of National Register Eligibility**

In partial fulfillment of Section 106 requirements, I am transmitting this letter along with recommendations for determination of eligibility (DOE) to document our understanding of the park's early road system and its potential eligibility for the National Register. Since roads are often evaluated as districts under Section 110, we utilized the "Oregon Inventory of Historic Properties: Section 106 Documentation Form, Potential Historic Districts" for this purpose. Both the current highway and earlier wagon road segments in that part of the park were evaluated. After applying the National Register criteria to properties that may be affected by this proposed undertaking, the NPS recommends that the current alignment of Highway 62 West is not eligible for listing. Conversely, the NPS finds that earlier wagon road segments may well meet National Register criteria.

The original compliance documentation for this project was sent to Leland Gilsen of your office for review on September 9, 2002. In this correspondence the NPS recommended finding was "no effect on historic properties." A copy of this correspondence and the supporting documentation is enclosed for your reference. Subsequent review of updated project led to discovery that a feature of the earlier wagon road

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alignment lay within the area of potential effects in the switchback area. This feature consists of a dry-laid rock revetment located below the uppermost switchback on Highway 62. Photographs and a map of this feature are enclosed in order to provide you with some idea of the revetment's appearance and relationship to the old road segment.

Thank you for reviewing the enclosed forms pertaining to potential eligibility for the National Register. If you concur with the National Park Service findings, please sign the concurrence block on the next page and return this letter to me at your earliest convenience.

# Intention to use an environmental assessment for Section 106

The flattening of two switchback curves may have an effect on a historic property that could be eligible for the National Register. During the summer of 2002, the NPS initiated preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential impacts of project alternatives on natural and cultural resources. A letter dated July 3, 2002, notified your office of our intention to use the EA to meet Section 106 obligations on this project in accordance with Section 800.8 (c) of the regulations promulgated under 36 CFR 800. A copy of the EA, which includes documenting anticipated effects of the project on cultural resources, will be sent to your office for review and comment when a draft is completed.

I know that Christine Curran and Liz Carter have most often assisted us in project review, so a copy of this letter is being sent to them under separate cover. If you have any questions, or would like additional information about this project and the reconnaissance survey of wagon roads in the park, please contact Steve Mark via e-mail at <a href="mark@nps.gov">steve mark@nps.gov</a> or by calling (541) 594-3094. Thanks again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles V. Lundy Superintendent

**Enclosures** 

Inventory of historic properties documentation form "Wagon Roads in Crater Lake National Park (western half)"

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Inventory of historic properties documentation form "Highway 62 West (Crater Lake National Park)"
SHPO correspondence of 9/9/02 (with 106 form and archeological survey)
Photographs of rock revetment
Location map of switchback area with revetment

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APPENDIX 3: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCES FOR WIZARD III QUARR	Y

# **Botanical Evaluation**

Project: Re-0pening Wizard III rockpit so the Park can use the rock.

Today, 7/19/2002, I surveyed the rockpit and surrounding area. There is no habitat for any of our FS sensitive plant species and indeed there are no rare plants present. I recommend that project planning proceed without any mitigation for rare plants or other botanical resources.

And by the way, the rockpit has two common noxious weeds, Klamath Weed and Bull Thistle. On our Forest we do not attempt any control measures for these two. However, the Park might be trying to keep Klamath weed out. They should probably be informed of this. I doubt if there is a single rockpit on Rogue River NF in the Cascades that doesn't have these two weeds.

Wayne Rolle, Forest Botanist Rogue River National Forest

#### Biological Evaluation for Wizard III Rock Source

Date: July 5, 2002

On June 17, 2002 I visited the Wizard III rock source to determine if reopening the rock pit would have any impacts on Proposed, Threatened, Endangered or Sensitive wildlife species.

The site is a dry rock source on top of a ridge. The nearest Spotted Owl pair is located 1 mile away on a road system that would not be involved in the rock removal. There is no suitable spotted owl habitat at the quarry (habitat is lodgepole pine and small mountain hemlocks). There would be "NO EFFECT" on Northern Spotted Owls.

The habitat immediately adjacent to the rock source is not suitable for nesting Bald Eagles and there is no suitable foraging habitat within 5 miles of the site. There would be "NO EFFECT" on Bald Eagles.

The quarry is outside the range of the Cnanda Lynx and is not suitable habitat. Therefore the proposed action is "NOT LIKELY TO JEOPARDIZE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE CANADA LYNX."

The nearest stream is above Lost Creek Reservoir, making it inaccessible for Threatened or Endangered anadromous fish species. Therefore there will be "NO EFFECT" on Coho Salmon and is "NO IMPACT TO KLAMATH MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STEELHEAD OR SOUTHERN OREGON CHINOOK SALMON."

The stream nearest the rock source is too small to support any native trout or salmon, nor does it contain suitable habitat for any other sensitive fish species. Therefore reopening the rock source will have "NO IMPACT" on any Region 6 Sensitive Fish Species.

Nowhere within the existing quarry or immediate surroundings was there vegetation or other indications of seeps, springs or other water sources that would provide the moist site conditions needed by amphibians. No water bodies lie within the proposed quarrying activities. Therefore there will be "NO IMPACT" to Black Salamanders, Del Norte Salamanders, Foothill Yellow-legged Frog, Oregon Spotted Frog, or Northwestern Pond Turtles. The site is above the elevational range of the Common Kingsnake.

The nearest Peregrine Falcon nest site is 7 miles to the west. The habitat at the quarry is low quality for falcon foraging, as lodgepole and Mountain hemlock support low bird densities. Therefore there will be "NO IMPACT" to American Peregrine Falcons.

The rock quarry and surrounding land is unsuitable habitat for Upland Sandpiper (grass meadows), Tri-colored Blackbird (marshlands), or Gray Flycatcher (Ponderosa pine/sagebrush), Pacific Shrew (large logs in moist forests), Pacific Pallid Bat (desert/dry), or Pacific Fringe-tailed Bat (caves and buildings) and the action will, therefore, have "NO IMPACT" to these species.

Pacific Fisher uses the habitat around the quarry, though the actual quarry site is not suitable for the fisher or its prey species. The removal of additional rock will not alter the forested habitat around the quarry but may produce noise disturbance during operations. Due to their high territoriality, only one or two animals would be disturbed on a small portion of their range and foraging habitat would not be altered. Therefore the action "MAY ADVERSELY IMPACT INDIVIDUALS, BUT NOT LIKELY TO RESULT IN A LOSS OF VIABILITY ON THE PLANNING AREA, (ROGUE RIVER NF) NOR CAUSE A TREND TO FEDERAL LISTING OR A LOSS OF SPECIES VIABILITY RANGE WIDE."

High road densities around the rock quarry and past timber management on this portion of the forest have rendered the site unsuitable for California Wolverine. There are no historic records of the species in the immediate area and it is generally considered outside the current range of the species. 5 years of recent efforts to locate wolverines on the Rogue River National Forest included baited camera sites, aerial surveys, and track surveys across this portion of the Prospect District and failed to locate any indications that wolverines exist here. An unverified winter den on Mt Thielsen, seen from an airplane, is the only potential sign of the species in Southwest Oregon. Therefore, this action will have "NO IMPACT" to Wolverines.

Norman Barrett

Wildlife Biologist

#### <u>Wizard III Rock Source Project</u> Prospect Ranger District – Rogue River National Forest Cultural Resource Report CR Job 1204

The Wizard III Rock Quarry is being considered for expansion. This existing rock quarry on the Prospect Ranger District would be expanded both downwards and outward, and the resulting rock tailings would be crushed and used by the National Park Service — Crater Lake National Park, as a rock source for road surfacing, realignment and fill. The widening of the rock pit is planned to be approximately 4/10 of an acre in area. Also there would be deepening of the pre-existing pit. The proposed project is located on the Hamaker Butte 7.5'quad at T.29S, R.4E, Sec 27, SW 1/4, WM, Douglas County.

A thorough search of the Prospect District's cultural resource files found that the project area has been surveyed for cultural resources with the Prospect Hazard Tree Removal Program/Loop Hazard (CR Job #1024, SHPO #14148) in 1992, and the South National II T.S. (CR Job 163/ SHPO #N/A) in 1977. No sites were documented in the projects location by these two, or any other cultural resource surveys undertaken in the area.

This project lies in an area of "low cultural resource potential" land type. The writer spent a total of 1 hour surveying the area for cultural resources on August 14, 2002. A total of 3 acres surrounding the rock pit was 100% surveyed. The results were negative, no cultural material was found.

Considering that this area has been previously surveyed, and an additional cultural resource survey was performed there for the current project, as per the Programmatic Agreement between ACHP, SHPO, and the USFS Region 6, the proposal is exempt from Section 106 review and compliance procedures. No archaeological or historic preservation concerns are raised by this project.

(See attached project location map page 2).

Victor S. Rooney Cultural Resource Technician Prospect Ranger District August 14, 2002

# **Evaluation for Survey and Manage Species Wizard 3 Rock Source**

Date: June 17, 2002

Today I visited the Wizard 3 rock source to determine if Mollusk Surveys were needed.

The site is a dry rock source on top of a ridge. Nowhere within the existing quarry or immediate surroundings was there vegetation or other indications of seeps, springs or other water sources that would provide the moist site conditions needed by terrestrial snails and slugs. None of the site contained the vegetation patterns I have seen on the ground or in photographs for *Helminthoglypta hertleini*.

Based on this site survey, no mollusk surveys are required for reopening this rock source. The habitat is also unsuitable for Red Tree Voles and great gray owls so no surveys are required for these species.

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Wildlife Biologist

APPENDIX 4: THR	EATENED AND I	ENDANGERED	SPECIES LISTS

# **ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES AND SPECIES OF CONCERN CONSIDERED FOR ANALYSIS FOR PROPOSED HIGHWAY 62 WEST REHABILITATION**

Species / Scientific Name	Status	Comments
<sup>1,2</sup> Canada lynx / Lynx Canadensis	Federal threatened	Could use forest habitats adjacent to Highway 62 West, but have not been documented and is not further discussed.
<sup>2,3</sup> Wolverine / Gulo gulo	Oregon threatened	Could use forest habitats adjacent to Highway 62 West, but have not been documented and is not further discussed.
<sup>3</sup> Gray wolf / Canis lupus	Federal endangered	Could use forest habitats adjacent to Highway 62 West, but the gray wolf has not been documented in Crater Lake National Park and is not further discussed (Crater Lake National Park-FMP 1998).
<sup>3</sup> Columbian white-tailed deer / Odocoileus virginianus leucurus	Federal endangered	Habitat for the Columbian white-tailed deer, riparian woodlands, is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West. The species has not been documented in Crater Lake National Park and is not further discussed (Crater Lake National Park-FMP 1998).
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Bald eagle / Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Federal threatened	Could overfly forest habitats adjacent to Highway 62 West, but would avoid vehicle and human activity and is not further discussed.
1,2,3 Northern spotted owl / Strix occidentalis caurina	Federal threatened, potential critical habitat	The species is known to occupy activity centers within forest habitats as near as one km from Highway 62 West and is discussed herein (Crater Lake National Park 2002).
<sup>3</sup> American peregrine falcon / Falco peregrinus anatum	Federal endangered	Nests on cliffs in the caldera, could forage over forest habitats adjacent to Highway 62 West, and is discussed herein.
<sup>2</sup> Scrub jay / Aphelocoma californica	Federal threatened	Habitat for the scrub jay, open shrubland or stunted woodland, is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West, and is not further discussed.
<sup>2</sup> Mountain plover / Charadrius montanus	Federal proposed threatened	Habitat for the mountain plover, wetlands and alpine tundra, is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West, and is not further discussed.
<sup>2</sup> Yellow-billed cuckoo / Coccyzus americanus	Federal candidate	Habitat for the yellow-billed cuckoo, willow-cottonwood riparian, is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West, and is not further discussed.
<sup>1</sup> Shortnose sucker / Chasmistes brevirostris	Federal endangered	Aquatic habitat for fisheries is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West, and is not further discussed.
<sup>1</sup> Lost River sucker / Deltistes luxatus	Federal endangered	Aquatic habitat for fisheries is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West and is not further discussed.
1,2Bull trout / Salvelinus confluentus	Federal threatened	Aquatic habitat for fisheries is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West and is not further discussed.
1,2 Oregon spotted frog / Rana pretiosa	Federal candidate	Aquatic or wetland habitat for the Oregon spotted frog is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West, and is not further discussed.
<sup>2</sup> Crater Lake rockcress / Arabis suffrutescens var. horizontalis	Federal sensitive; Oregon candidate	Habitat for the Crater Lake rockcress, dry, rocky pumice, could be present on a talus slope near the switchbacks, but lies outside the proposed construction zone, and is not further discussed.
<sup>2</sup> Pumice grape fern / Botrychium pumicola	Federal sensitive; Oregon candidate	Habitat for the pumice grape fern, high-elevation pumice gravel, is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West and is not further discussed.
<sup>2</sup> Mount Mazama collomia / Collomia mazama	Federal sensitive	Habitat for the Mount Mazama collomia, alpine wet meadow, is not present adjacent to Highway 62 West. The nearest populations occur approximately 1 km north and south of the highway near the west entrance portion (Crater Lake National Park 2002), and are not further discussed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Listed, Proposed, and Candidate Species That May Occur on Crater Lake National Park (USFWS 2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> List of Rare Species of Crater Lake National Park (Murray pers. comm. 2002).
<sup>3</sup> Oregon List of Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species Known to Occur at Crater Lake National Park (OFWD 1997 in Crater Lake National Park 2002).

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Office 6610 Washburn Way Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603-9365 (541) 885-8481 FAX: (541) 885-7837

March 25, 2002

Memorandum

In reply refer to 1-10-02-SP-108

To:

Park Superintendent, Crater Lake National Park, Crater Lake, Oregon

From:

ield Supervisor, Klamath Falls, oregon

Subject:

Species List Update

We are updating your list of Federally threatened, endangered and proposed species that may be present on, or in the vicinity of Crater Lake National Park. The previous list was valid for 90 days or until we sent a letter with any changes that occurred. An updated list is attached with a current compilation date (Attachment A). The list should not be considered evidence as to the presence or absence of species at proposed project locations.

Please distribute this letter and enclosure to the appropriate personnel in your office.

Thank you for your efforts to conserve, protect and recover listed and candidate species. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Leonard LeCaptain at (541) 885-8481.

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#### Attachment A

#### SPECIES LIST

The federal agency or designated representative shall use the following list(s), along with relevant biological studies, literature reviews, views of species experts, and site inspections, to determine if the project may affect (negatively or positively) listed or proposed species or proposed or designated critical habitat. If the subject project may affect a listed species and the proposed action is funded, permitted, or implemented by a Federal agency, the Federal agency must prepare a biological assessment if the project is a construction project which may require an environmental impact statement <sup>1/2</sup>. If a biological assessment is not required, the Federal agency still has the responsibility to review its proposed activities and determine whether the listed species may be affected. If, based on an analysis it is determined that the project will have "no effect" on listed or proposed species, then no additional correspondence with the Service is necessary under the Act's requirements. If the action agency requires a letter indicating Service review of the "no effect" determination, then please provide a summary of the project, relevant maps and species information, a copy of the species list provided by the Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Office (KFFWO), and justification for the effects determination to the KFFWO.

The species list(s) also includes Federal candidate species of concern that may be present within each county, project area, or management area. While not protected under the Endangered Species Act (Act), the Service encourages Federal agencies and private land owners to utilize their authorities to conserve and protect candidate species, so activities which they authorize do not contribute to the need to list these species as either threatened or endangered under the Act. We also encourage Federal agencies and private land owners to provide the Service with information on status surveys, monitoring and other studies related to candidate species, and to address these species during consultation. During the assessment or review process, the Federal agency may engage in planning efforts, but may not make any irreversible commitment of resources. Such a commitment could constitute a violation of section 7(d) of the Act. If a listed species may be affected, the Federal agency should request, in writing through our office, formal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Act. Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to listed species prior to a written request for formal consultation.

Federal agencies are required to confer with the Service, pursuant to section 7(a)(4) of the Act, when an agency action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat (50 CFR 402.10(a)). A request for formal conference must be in writing and should include the same information that would be provided for a request for formal consultation. Conferences can also include discussions between the Service and the Federal agency to identify and resolve potential conflicts between an action and proposed species or proposed critical habitat early in the decision-making process. The Service recommends ways to minimize or avoid adverse effects of the action. The conference process fulfills the need to inform Federal agencies of possible steps that an agency might take at

an early stage to adjust its actions to avoid jeopardizing a proposed species.

The action agency and applicant should be aware that section 9 of the Act prohibits the "take" of any listed species. The definition of "take" includes to harass, harm, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct. "Harm" in the definition of 'take' in the Act means an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such an act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavior patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). Anyone who engages in a take would be subject to prosecution under section 9 of the Act. Such taking may occur only under the authority of the Service's pursuant to section 7 (if a Federal agency is involved with this project) or through a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit, as mandated in the Act.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Construction Project" means any major Federal action which significantly affects the quality of the human environment designed primarily to result in the building or erection of man-made structures such as dams, buildings, roads, pipelines, channels and the like. This includes Federal actions such as permits, grants, licenses, or other forms of Federal authorizations or approval which may result in construction.

# LISTED, PROPOSED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES THAT MAY OCCUR ON CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

# LISTED SPECIES

Mammals		
Canada lynx	Lynx canadensis	T
Birds		
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	T
Northern spotted owl	Strix occidentalis caurina	T, CH
Fish		
Shortnose sucker	Chasmistes brevirostris	E, PCH
Lost River sucker	Deltistes luxatus	E, PCH
Bull trout	Salvelinus confluentus	T
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Plants		
None		
PROPOSED SPECIES		
None		
CANDIDATE SPECIES		
Birds		
Yellow-billed cuckoo (Western continental US)	Coccyzus americanus	С
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Amphibians and Reptiles		
Oregon Spotted frog	Rana pretiosa	С
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(E) - Endangered (T) - Threatened (CH) - Critical	Habitat	
(C) - Candidate (PE) - Proposed as endangered (PT	) - Proposed as threatened	
(PCH) - Proposed critical habitat		

# Rare Species of Crater Lake NP

Species	Status
Arabis suffrutescens var. horizontalis	Federal Sensitive,
(Crater Lake rockcress)	State Candidate
Botrychium pumicola	Federal Sensitive,
(pumice grape fern)	State Threatened
(Collomia mazama	Federal Sensitive
(Mount Mazama collomia)	
Spotted frog	Federal Candidate
Bald Eagle	Threatened (proposed delisting)
Scrub Jay	Threatened
Mountain Plover	Proposed Threatened
Northern Spotted Owl	Threatened
Wolverine	State Threatened
Bull Trout	Threatened
Lynx	Threatened

# **Crater Lake**

National Park National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior

# Threatened and Endangered Animals

Oregon List of Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species Known to Occur at Crater Lake National Park

COMMON NAME BIRDS	SCIENTIFIC NAME	CATEGORY
Bald Eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Threatened *
American Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus anatum	Endangered *
Northern Spotted Owl	Strix occidentalis caurina	Threatened *
MAMMALS		
Gray Wolf	Canis lupus	Endangered *
Wolverine Columbian White- tailed Deer	Gulo gulo Odocoileus virginianus leucurus	Threatened Endangered *

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes those species listed by the federal government

Information provided by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department Updated 6-12-1997 rev. 5/2001

http://www.nps.gov/crla/tesanima.htm

6/27/2002

APPENDIX 5. CONCUR	RENCE ON EFFECTS TO NORTHERN SPO	OR EFFECTS



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In Reply Refer To: 1-10-02-I-245 xref. 1-10-02-TA-188

September 5, 2002

Memorandum

To:

Superintendent, Crater Lake National Park, Crater Lake, Oregon

From: Action Project Leader, Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Klamath Falls, Oregon

Subject:

Crater Lake National Park's Highway 62 Rehabilitation Project - Concurrence on Effects, Crater Lake, Oregon

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed Crater Lake National Park's (CRLA) request for concurrence that the referenced action may affect but will not adversely affect the federally threatened Northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*). Your request, dated August 23, 2002, and received by us on August 30, 2002, is made pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1536 et seq.) (Act), as amended.

Based on information gathered during several phone conversations your staff, knowledge of the proposed project area, and a Biological Assessment (BA) from August 2002, the Service concurs with your determination and outlines the reasons for that concurrence in this memorandum.

# Description of the Proposed Action

CRLA proposes to rehabilitate approximately 7.8 miles of Highway 62 West within CRLA's boundary. The road segment is reaching the end of its 25 year design life. The project will rehabilitate the deteriorated road surface, address design deficiencies for safety, and improve snow removal.

Typical road repair equipment will be used including (but not limited to): bulldozers, backhoes, front end loaders, haul trucks, concrete trucks, concrete finishers, and asphalt spreaders, scrapers and rollers. The project is expected to commence in June of 2003 and last through early November 2003.

## Status of northern spotted owls in the action area

Northern spotted owls inhabit the patchy suitable habitat in CRLA and ten years of surveys have

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found approximately 18 nesting pairs or activity centers. The nearest known nest site to the project area is about 980 yards away. The pair that occupied this site in 2002 fledged a young but physical and circumstantial evidence strongly suggests that the juvenile and shortly thereafter the male were killed by avian predators. Monitoring of the site did not relocate the female.

The project area contains both poor and good quality nesting roosting and foraging (NRF) habitat for owls. None of the project area is designated as critical habitat.

## Effects of the Proposed Action

The most probable mechanism for effects to northern spotted owls from this project is disturbance. When disturbance is great enough owls can abandon nests or fail in their feeding and rearing activities. The historical nest site is over 1/2 mile from the project site and is separated from the project area by some topographical ridges. If owls occupy the historical nest site in 2003 the noise disturbance from the project area is expected to be insignificant to the nest site. Given the probable mortality of the male of this pair the activity center may be occupied but it is not likely that nesting will take place in 2003. However CRLA will continue to survey and monitor owls in the area and if a nest or significant activity is recorded closer to or within the project area, CRLA will immediately contact the Service to discuss the potential for unforseen impacts from the project.

Since the habitat in the project area is suitable for foraging, owls that go undetected may use areas near the construction site to forage or rest but no construction activities are proposed to take place after dusk so if disturbance occurs it is expected to be insignificant and the likelihood of any adverse effects occurring is discountable.

#### Determination

Based on the Service's review of the BA of August 2002, the type of project, its proximity to known habitat and nest sites, we concur with CRLA's determination that the proposed project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect northern spotted owls. Consequently, further consultation, pursuant to section 7(a)(2) of the Act is not required.

No take of northern spotted owls is authorized under this informal consultation. If the proposed action changes in any manner that may affect a listed species or critical habitat, you must contact us immediately to determine if additional consultation is required. If you have any questions please contact Doug Laye of my staff at (541) 885-8481.

cc: Craig Tuss, FWS, Roseburg, OR